(b) India started its atomic energy programme soon after independence and is acknowledged as a country with advanced nuclear technology.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) No, Sir.

Work under nuclear power corporation of India

†3236. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power generation work in the country carried out under Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd.;

(b) if so, when this company was established and since when it started commercial production and total number of units engaged in production work till December 2007 alongwith their total production capacity; and

(c) total production been done from these units as compared to the established production capacity in the year 2006-2007 and up to December of 2007-2008?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NPCIL was incorporated as a Public Limited Company under the Companies Act, 1956 on September 17, 1987 and is in commercial production since then. As of December 2007, 17 nuclear power reactors with an installed capacity of 4120 MWe, including RAPS-1 (100 MWe) owned by DAE, were being operated by NPCIL.

(c) Nuclear power installed capacity in the year 2006-07 was 3360 MWe till 18.08.2006 and increased to 3900 MWe with the start of commercial operation of TAPP-3 (540 MWe). The generation in the year 2006-07 was 18,801 Million Units. In the year 2007-08 the capacity increased to 4120 MWe from 06-05.2007 with the start of commercial operation of Kaiga-3 (220 MWe). The generation in the year 2007-08 up to December 2007 was 12979 Million Units.

Supply of uranium to India

3237. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present demand and supply position of uranium from abroad for use of our atomic power stations;

(b) the countries who are in favour of supply of uranium to India, till date;

(c) the countries who are not in favour of supply of uranium to India;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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